

A CURSE

Shut in chickens for the night,
feed an old carrot to Snowball the rabbit,
piss a curse for the fat coon --
lives across the road in the bush
laughing at me, smacking his lips,
"chicken dinner, rabbit stew ..."

ORION AND THE LADY

Damn it's cold
outside sighting stars.

Open cabin door
to fresh bread smell.

WORKINGMAN'S SATORI

The hoe
is a damned
handy tool.

THE GREEN PEAS

3 days of rain follow
3 days of holiday

so I am sober, clean
and clear throughout

as the green peas climb
the fishnet in the garden.

DANCE STEP

Cleaned debris
of the
chicken house:

laid out
fresh straw:

LIBRARY LUNCH

Thumbing through 2 books:

one a history
of the Milky Way,
the other a story
of the Silk Road
between Rome and Cathay.

picked up
three eggs:

let the
chickens out
to scratch:

already the
neighbor talks
first frost.

Andromeda and Tamerlane.

Photos of galaxies:

"do not wail for my soul
but please do pray"

said Timur "the Lame."